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From the cold northern regions above Japan, across the wide Pacific ocean to the northwestern coast of America, to be deflected to the west, sweeps the Kuroshina, a vast stream of cool water that as it flows southward modifies the climate of everything in its path. To this influence the Hawaiian Islands largely owe their delightful climate. Bathed on all sides by this cold current, intense heat is unknown, while the latitude, just within the tropics, precludes a frosty temperature.

The extreme range of the thermometer at Honolulu is from 50 to 88 degrees Fahrenheit, and very rarely is the higher maximum or minimum registered. The mountainous character of the islands gives great variation in temperature, according to the altitude from great heat at sea level under the lee of the mountains, to almost perpetual frost at their summits, while along their sides any climate may be found. The air is of necessity pure from the constant winds; coming from whatever direction, they pass over thousands of miles of ocean. For nine months in the year strong trade winds blow from the northeast, and during the remaining months the winds are exceedingly variable. Calm, sultry days are rare, even with southerly weather, which is the least agreeable that we have.

The purity of the atmosphere is a most important element in the healthfulness of a country. Here it is shown by the infrequency of contagious diseases and the readiness with which wounds heal, and the success of surgical operations, even when not aseptically performed. Scarlet fever has appeared only a few times and then has not been of severe type. Diphtheria is hardly to be considered as a danger. Epidemics are quickly controlled, and the Health Department has been able to promptly stamp out every one that has occurred.

Honolulu, which is less favorably situated than many other places, being on the leeward side of the island and somewhat overshadowed by mountains, has an annual average temperature of 72 or 73 degrees F., with maximum of 84 degrees and a maximum of 88 degrees. Sunshine is the rule, there being not more than one or two days in the year when blue sky cannot be seen. Clouds are light and fleecy and are a very constant and strikingly beautiful feature in the scenery. Almost every hour in the day has its cloudscape, and the morning and evening displays of color are magnificent beyond description.

Noah would have delighted in Hawaii after the flood, for it is the home of the rainbow, and they are of dazzling brilliancy. One of the most exquisite sights I have ever seen was out in Honolulu bay about 2 o'clock one morning. The moon was two or three hours high in the east, and in the west was a dark storm cloud, with misty rain; high arched and gleaming upon the blackness was a bow of fairy-like delicacy, glowing with an opaline radiance. It seemed like the spirit of a sun bow.

The rainfall for the group is about fifty inches annually. Places can be found on the leeward side of the islands which are arid and almost rainless at the sea level, while at Hilo it is 150 inches and 200 at the volcano. In most places a mile or two up the mountain side there is abundant moisture for all agricultural purposes. In Honolulu prolonged rainstorms are very rare, while showers of from one-eighth to one-half an inch are frequent. Once or twice a year downpours occur when four or five inches may fall in as many hours. Fogs are rarely seen, and even in rainy weather the air is not usually sultry or oppressive. The soil is generally porous and water soon dries off or runs away. It may rain hard in the morning and dust will fly in the afternoon.

The Hawaiian climate is eminently a healthy one. The purity of the atmosphere and the equable temperature favor an outdoor life and an abundance of ventilation in the houses. The bracing effects of great variations in temperature are lacking, but the difference of twenty degrees between summer and winter calls for decided changes in the thickness of clothing. Malaria exists in mild form, and is generally due to irrigation and artificial marshes, where rice and taro are cultivated. Most acute diseases are less violent than in America. Consumption is rare among Europeans; bronchial affections and nasal catarrh are less severe, and digestive and bowel troubles are not serious. The infantile death rate is small; indeed, this is a veritable paradise for little children and also for the large class of invalids and delicate people to whom the cold and raw months of autumn, winter and spring are a terror and danger. Especially is it favorable to those who are predisposed to lung troubles, and even in the early stages of tubercu-

losis, arrest or cure of the disease often occurs.

At various elevations on the different islands any climate may be selected—cold or hot, wet or dry, sheltered or windy—and those in need of change find it near at hand.

With increase in travel and population the climatic resources of the islands will be made available by modern hotels and sanitariums, and in time Hawaii will be recognized as one of the most desirable places in the world for rest and recuperation. Strangers especially, when leaving a winter temperature, usually undergo a period of acclimatization, more or less prolonged, during which time there is languor and indisposition to physical effort; but this soon passes away, and then a vast amount of work can be done comfortably and happily. Those coming here as residents should remember that dwellers in tropical climates must adjust themselves to new conditions. Severe and prolonged work, mental or physical, is more exhausting than in cooler regions, and this must be counted on and allowed for in undertaking any kind of work.

The white races can do farm work here as well as in America or Europe in summer, really with less discomfort, as the heat is never so intense, and sunstroke is unknown.

The desirability of a climate is to be considered from the esthetic and the practical standpoint, the one with regard to its suitability for a comfortable home life, and the other as to its commercial relations. From either of these points of view Hawaii need fear no rivals. As to the first—enhancing the simple pleasure of existence—there is almost perpetual sunshine. For nine months of the year blows the cool trade wind, freshened by more than 2,000 miles of travel over the ocean, powerful to clear away all miasma in its path, and rich with oxygen for the fortunate lungs that are to inhale it. Magnificent scenery, diversified by sea, plain and mountain, the latter clothed with ever-varying and undying verdure, flowers, ferns and foliage plants growing in every house-yard that in northern countries must have much care in hothouses, and fruits, rich and luscious, from every clime in abundance—here surely is an aggregation of pleasant things to make life worth living.

POLICE CHANGES; FOX REMEMBERED

Attorney-General Dole. High Sheriff Brown and Deputy Chillingworth

At midnight Attorney-General Cooper ceased his duties in that office. Yesterday morning the police force did him honor. They lined up after the manner of soldiers in the Station yard and bid him, as the Attorney-General, aloha.

The force was received by Mr. Cooper. Deputy Attorney-General Dole, Marshal Brown and Deputy Marshal Chillingworth accompanied him.

In an appropriate speech Mr. Cooper expressed his regret at relinquishing charge of the department and complimented the men on their excellent work in the past, their devotion to duty and their numerous deeds of courage. He said that it reflected great credit on the police, officers and men, that the city had been so free of any objectionable disturbances.

Deputy Attorney-General Dole was then introduced by Mr. Cooper as the next Attorney-General. Mr. Dole asked that the police co-operate with him in the department's work and expressed his realization of the responsibility bestowed upon him. He praised the work of Marshal Brown and Deputy Marshal Chillingworth.

Mr. Dole announced for the first time that the above would continue in office as High Sheriff and his deputy.

The names of the winners of the medals recently offered by Mr. Dole for marksmanship, were then announced: Captain Parker, winner of gold medal, score, 411; Officer P. Atatani (Samoan), winner of silver medal, score 386; Officer C. H. Baker, winner of bronze medal, score 344.

Captain A. A. Fox of the Mounted Patrol was then presented with a gold captain's badge by Marshal Brown. The Marshal was plainly moved as he said: "Captain Fox, you have given most valuable service and I now refer particularly to an act of rare bravery and courage. I mean when you were of such timely assistance in the runaway at the railway depot the other day in which my wife and daughter were concerned. I shall never forget your deed. This badge is an individual recognition of your action and I hope you will wear it always."

Speaking of the change, Marshal Brown said: "It is with regret that we lose Mr. Cooper, but it is with pleasure that we welcome Mr. Dole."

Revival Ended.

Rev. A. E. Cory's revival services at the Christian Church closed last night, the hot weather has had an unfavorable effect on the evangelist and while the interest was high it was thought best to close. The subject of his last discourse was "Obedience." A most impressive baptismal service took place at the close of the service, when several candidates were immersed.

THE INAUGURAL CEREMONIES WILL TAKE PLACE AT TEN O'CLOCK THIS MORNING

THIS is the great day. This morning the history of Hawaii as a Territory of the United States begins. Today all true Hawaiians will put behind them the old times of strife and dissension, when factions here and factions there cried out for this, that or the other form of government, and pulling all together will look forward with light hearts and hopeful to the New Hawaii, the greater Hawaii, the Hawaii of the twentieth century.

Today the town will be in gala attire, and the townsfolk clad in their Sunday best—haoles and natives, malihinis and kamaainas alike—and flock to the Executive building to witness the ceremonies of inaugurating President Dole as the first Governor of Hawaii Territory. Everybody will be there, from the humblest stevedore from the water front to the greatest in the land. It will be the greatest day since the starry flag of our country was swung to the breeze on August 12, 1898, and in its wide significance it will far outshine that day, for it but marked the dawn of the new era; today the shining forth in full effulgence of Hawaii's risen sun.

It will be a brilliant spectacle, the ceremonies at the Executive building. The fine old building is dressed out as never before. On the stands will be the greatest and the best of the men and the women of the Islands, and what the National Guard and a detail of the Sixth Artillery, comes swinging around past the reviewing stand to be reviewed by President Dole and his staff and the officers of the Government, the scene will be one long to be remembered.

At 10 o'clock the ceremonies of inauguration will begin. The central stand on the King street front of the building will be occupied by the new Governor and his officers. In the stands at either hand will be other prominent people, the Diplomatic corps, the members of the Legislature, Army and Navy officers, and others. After Governor Dole has been sworn in and has delivered his inaugural address, the inaugural reception will be held in the old throne room. For this function the St. Louis College band will play. In the evening will take place the inaugural ball in the lanai on the Waikiki side of the Executive building. The preparations for the ball were completed yesterday, and it will outshine anything of the kind that has been given in Honolulu. It should prove a fitting conclusion to a memorable day.

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